

REMARKS

I. ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Claim 52 is canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on this claim.

II. THE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12, 13, 28 and 30-51 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,440,986 and 6,903,213. In response, Applicants submit terminal disclaimers to disclaim the terminal part of the statutory term of any claim in any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,440,986 and 6,903,213.

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III. CONCLUSION

Early consideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Office require anything further, it is invited contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Terminal Disclaimers (4)